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SUBJECT: EMERGENCY EQUINE EVACUATION TO SC FROM FL

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In response to the potential emergency conditions that may exist due to hurricanes threatening the state of Florida, the state of South Carolina will make the following exceptions to existing regulations governing the importation of horses into South Carolina from Florida during the remainder of the 2008 hurricane season:

- Horses being evacuated to South Carolina from Florida due to weather emergency that have a current Coggins test will be admitted to the state of South Carolina without a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection. Current Coggins test chart should always be with the animals.
- Horses being evacuated to South Carolina from Florida due to weather emergency without a current Coggins or Certificate of Veterinary Inspection will be allowed entry into the state of South Carolina PROVIDED they are accompanied at all times with paperwork issued by the state of Florida that allows their re-entry into Florida after the evacuation is lifted. All animals leaving Florida for South Carolina under this provision should have owner/contact information, animal description, and destination in SC (if known) recorded and forwarded to Animal Health Programs, Clemson Livestock Poultry Health by the Florida border station.

